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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) A looped fabric comprising a ground fabric consisting essentially of cotton and provided with loops consisting essentially of bamboo fiber,

- whereby said ground fabric is provided with a ground weave that is obtained by a technique with three weft sequences or by a technique with four weft sequences,
- whereby said looped fabric has a weight between 200 and 1700 gram/m², and
- whereby the number of warp threads per cm fabric is between 21 and 34, the number of weft threads per cm fabric is between 10 and 28, and the number of loops per cm fabric is between 3 and 9.

32. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops are formed by a warp.

33. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops are formed by a weft.

34. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops are provided at both sides of the ground fabric.

35. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo fiber is completely or partly mixed with other fibers.

36. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, comprising a ground warp, a looped warp and a ground weft.

37. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the ground weft, the ground warp and the looped warp comprise simple yarns or twined yarns.

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38. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the yarns in the ground warp and/or the looped warp are sheared.

39. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the ground warp and the ground weft consist of cotton.

40. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the looped warp consists of bamboo fiber.

41. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the ground warp and the looped warp consist essentially of bamboo fiber.

42. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, comprising a ground warp and a looped warp which are sheared evenly or thread per thread and a ground weft consisting of simple yarn or twined yarn.

43. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the fabric comprises a loop length per cm fabric on one side of the fabric that is between 0.5 and 1.7 cm.

44. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops extend from the ground fabric to a height H, and the bamboo loops have, at the height H/2, a width B which is $\leq \frac{2}{3} H$.

45. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein more than 30% of the surface of the looped fabric is covered with bamboo loops.

46. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein between 30 and 90% of the total weight of the looped fabric consists of bamboo loops.

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47. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, whereby the yarn count in the looped warp is between Ne 3/1 and Ne 40/1 for simple yarns and between Ne 8/2 and Ne 40/2 for twined yarns.

48. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, whereby the yarn count in the ground warp is between Ne 6/1 and Ne 20/1 for simple yarns and between Ne 12/2 and Ne 30/2 for twined yarns.

49. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 36, whereby the yarn count in the ground weft is between Ne 10/1 and Ne 241 for simple yarns.

50. (New) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the applied bamboo fiber has at least one of the physical characteristics as represented in table 1.

51. (New) A terry made from the looped fabric according to claim 31.

52. (New) The terry according to claim 51, wherein the terry is provided with one or more borders that consist essentially of bamboo fiber, and that is optionally provided with a fantasy illustration.

53. (New) The terry according to claim 52, wherein the border has a length between 1 and 15 cm.